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1. THE ITALIAN MILITARY ATTACHE COLONEL ROERO REPORTS ON GERMAN ORDER OF B.
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To the DIRECTOR.

The Italian Military Attache, Colonel ROERO[i] has reported:

1. According to the Swedish Military Attache in HUNGARY, Colonel WESTER[11] there are [R# 15] German divisions in that country. In [R# ROMANIA] there are 50 divisions.

2. 16 Panzer Division which was previously in MUNSTER is now in HUNGARY.

17 Panzer Division which was previously in [R# AUGSBURG] is now also in HUNGARY.

44 Division [1 group unrecovered] [R# motor] [1 group unrecovered] has been split up: one part is on the Eastern Front and the other in ITALY.

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3. In ITALY

[B% 15], [B% 21], 24 Panzer Divisions and Panzer Division "HEIMANN
GÖRING"
2. [B% 19] and [B% 29] Panzer Grenadier Divisions
SS Mountain SCHUTZEN[STRELKOVYJ] Divisions[iii] "DER FÜHRER" and
"STURMBREITENFÜHRER"[v]
[1 group unrecovered][v] JÄGER Division
44 Mountain JÄGER Division REICHSGRENADIERE HOCH- UND DEUTSCHMEISTER[vi]
7 and [1 group unrecovered][vii] Parachute Divisions[a]

[51 groups unrecovered]

artillery that 1, [B% 15], 71, [3 groups unrecovered] and 50[5] Divisions
are in ITALY.

4. The Colonel has reported the same facts about [B% the composition]
of 16 Army and 18 Army as DzhON[viii] [2 groups unrecovered] facts indicate
that [C% an offensive has begun]

[1 group unrecovered]
[29 groups unrecoverable]
[42 groups unavailable]

No. 281 ✓

OFN[ix]

Note: [a] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: ✓ [i] Colonel ROERO: G. ROERO, marchese di CONTALDO.

✓ [ii] Colonel WESTER: Lt. Col. H. WESTER.

✓ [iii] SS SCHUTZEN divisions existed but no record has been found of
any SS mountain SCHUTZEN divisions.

[iv] Possibly an error for SS Panzer Grenadier Division REICHSPANZER
SS which was first formed as SS STURMBREITENFÜHRER-SS.

[v] This group stands for an unidentified number i.e. the
divisional number.

[vi] 44 Infantry Division - not Mountain JÄGER DIVISION - received
in June 1943 the title "REICHSGRENADIERDIVISION HOCH-UND
DEUTSCHMEISTER".

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Comments

Cont'd: [vii] Divisional number not recovered but presumably "2" since 1 and 2 Parachute Divisions were the only ones in existence.

[viii] ~~✓~~ DENON: i.e. "JOHN"; unidentified covername. Occurs as a source of information in August 1941 and at various dates between January and April 1942. See also STOCKHOLM's Nos. 151 of 22nd January 1942 (3/NEP/T1683) and 714 of 16th April 1942 (3/NEP/T1552).

[ix] ~~✓~~ ORN: i.e. "ORNE"; Possibly Lt. Col. Serafim PINTUGIN, Soviet Assistant Military and Air Attaché in STOCKHOLM

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